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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### **Major Winter Storm Forecast, City Announces Parking Ban**

**New Bedford, Massachusetts** – The National Weather Service has issued a Blizzard Warning for Southern Bristol County, including the City of New Bedford, effective from 7:00 PM Saturday, February 14 through 11:00 AM Sunday, February 15. Snow will arrive around mid-day Saturday.

A Blizzard Warning is issued when sustained winds or frequent gusts over 35 MPH are expected with considerable falling and/or blowing and drifting snow. According to the National Weather Service, hazardous conditions will include heavy snow, poor visibility, and strong to damaging winds with gusts up to 60 MPH. Total snow accumulation of 8-10 inches is possible, along with snow drifts up to a few feet.

Travel will become nearly impossible and potentially life threatening due to whiteout conditions and bitterly cold wind chills. *The City of New Bedford strongly discourages travel on Saturday night and into Sunday until conditions improve.* Family members and neighbors are encouraged to contact elderly residents to ensure their well-being and safety.

#### **Citywide Snow Emergency Parking Ban Effective 6:00 PM, Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015**

In preparation for the approaching winter storm, the City of New Bedford has announced a citywide snow emergency parking ban to take effect at 6:00 PM, Saturday, February 14, 2015. The parking ban will be strictly enforced and will remain in effect for 48-hours thereafter, unless lifted or further extended by City officials. The parking ban is designed to allow City workers to efficiently remove snow from New Bedford roadways to allow public safety vehicles and residents to travel safely.

While the snow emergency parking ban is in effect, parking is permitted on the side of the street that is opposite the fire hydrants. No vehicle should be parked on the same side of the street as a fire hydrant, except on streets that are regularly posted for parking on one side of the street only. In posted areas, residents are to obey the signs as usual.

The citywide parking ban will be double-sided in both the Acushnet Avenue Business District and the Downtown Business District. Downtown parking is available at no charge in the Elm Street and the Zeiterion Parking Garages.

Violations of this parking regulation will be subject to ticketing at \$50 per ticket and towing at full cost to the owner of the vehicle towed. The vehicle owner is also responsible for the full cost of storage for any towed vehicle.

The City of New Bedford has designated the following areas as preferred parking areas for those residents in need of off-street parking while the emergency snow parking ban is in effect:

- Victory Park - Brock Avenue
- Hazelwood Park - Brock Avenue
- Cove Street Parking Lot - Cove Street and Morton Court
- Orchard Street at Camara Soccer Field
- Buttonwood Park Parking Area - Hawthorn Street Side and Lake Street Side
- Former St. Mary's Home – Entrance on Mill Street
- Coggeshall Street Parking Lot - Coggeshall Street and Acushnet Avenue
- Sawyer Street Parking Lot - Between Sawyer Street and Beetle Street
- Brooklawn Park Parking Area - Brooklawn Street (South Side)
- Riverside Park Lot – Coffin Avenue
- Coffin Avenue Lot- Across from Taber Mills Apartments
- Alma del Mar Charter School (former Ottiwell School) - 26 Madeira Avenue
- Former AVX site on Bellville Avenue at Hadley Street
- Former Philips Avenue School – 249 Phillips Avenue
- Elm Street Garage
- Zeiterion Garage – 688 Purchase Street
- New Bedford High School - 230 Hathaway Boulevard
- Keith Middle School - 225 Hathaway Boulevard
- Normandin Middle School - 81 Felton Street
- Roosevelt Middle School - 119 Fredrick Street
- Charles S Ashley Elementary School - 122 Rochambeau Street
- Elizabeth Carter Brooks Elementary School - 212 Nemasket Street
- Elwyn G Campbell Elementary School - 145 Essex Street
- Sgt Wm H Carney Acad Elementary School - 247 Elm Street
- James B Congdon Elementary School - 50 Hemlock Street
- John B DeValles Elementary School - 120 Katherine Street
- Alfred J Gomes Elementary School - 286 South Second Street
- Ellen R Hathaway Elementary School - 256 Court Street
- Hayden/McFadden Elementary School - 361 Cedar Grove Street
- Horatio A Kempton Elementary School - 135 Shawmut Avenue
- Abraham Lincoln Elementary School - 445 Ashley Boulevard
- Carlos Pacheco Elementary School - 261 Mt. Pleasant Street
- John Avery Parker Elementary School - 705 County Street
- Casmir Pulaski Elementary School - 1097 Braley Road
- Thomas R Rodman Elementary School - 497 Mill Street
- William H Taylor Elementary School - 620 Brock Avenue
- SEA LAB/John Hannigan Elementary School - 91 Portland Street
- Jireh Swift Elementary School - 2203 Acushnet Avenue
- Betsey B Winslow Elementary School - 561 Allen Street

## **Pilgrim United Church Remains Open for Residents in Need of Shelter**

Pilgrim United Church (634 Purchase Street) will remain open for unsheltered residents. The church is equipped with staff, food and cots.

## **Sand Available to City Residents at Various Locations**

The Department of Public Infrastructure has made sand available to city residents at many locations throughout the city. Residents are advised to bring their own small container to collect the sand at any of the following locations:

- Norfolk St & Acushnet Ave
- Toby St & Acushnet Ave
- Manila St & Acushnet Ave
- Fire Station #5 –Acushnet Ave
- Phillips Rd & Pine Hill Dr
- Welby Rd, North Side, Between Two Buildings
- Essex St & Phillips Rd, Campbell School
- Saint Theresa’s Church – Acushnet Ave
- Balls Corner, Mill Rd & Belleville Ave
- Saint Mary’s School/Church –Illinois St
- Tarkiln Hill Rd & Acushnet Ave
- Police Station #3 - Ashley Blvd
- Wilks Library –Acushnet Ave & Princeton St
- Ashley Blvd & Princeton St
- Belleville Rd & Hope St
- Mount Pleasant St on Nash Rd Side (in place)
- Fire Station –Davis St & Acushnet Ave
- Deane St & Ashley Blvd
- Bullard St & Acushnet Ave
- Shawmut Diner, Between the Driveways
- Acushnet Ave & Sawyer St
- Sawyer St & Mount Pleasant St
- Beetle St & North Front St
- Beetle St & N. Front St
- Coggeshall St & Ashley Blvd
- Coggeshall & Purchase St
- 10 Kilburn St
- Purchase St & Logan St
- Rockdale Ave & Granit St
- Linden St & County St, South Side of Linden St
- Fire Station #7 –Durfee St & Cottage St
- Durfee St & Shawmut Ave
- Red Cross, Rockdale Ave & Durfee St
- Purchase St & Wamsutta Ave
- Sacred Heart Nursing Home, Studley St & Summer St, On West Side

- Merrimac St & County St
- 1554 Purchase St, Fire Repair
- Pleasant St & Pope St
- Parker St & County St, East Side of County St
- Parker St & Rockdale Ave
- Pleasant St & Pearl St
- Purchase St & Campbell St
- Cottage St & Campbell St
- Sycamore St & State St
- County St & Sycamore St
- Pleasant St, Rear Lot of Fire Prevention
- Maxfield St & Pleasant St
- E.M.T.S. Chancery St, Inside Parking Area
- S.E.C. Summer St & Hillman St
- Ash St & Hillman St
- Fire Station #2 –Pleasant St
- County St & North St
- Pope's Island Marina
- Third District Court, North Side of Kempton St
- Liberty St & Kempton St
- Pleasant St & Middle St
- South Sixth St & Middle St
- County St & Middle St
- Elm St Garage, On Acushnet Ave
- Buttonwood Library
- Pier 3 –Visitors Center
- South Water & Hamilton St
- William St & Acushnet Ave, Custom House Square
- City Hall, Pleasant St Side
- Centre St & Front St
- Market St & Sixth St
- Second St & Union St
- Union St & Acushnet Ave
- Purchase St & Union St
- Eighth St and Union St
- County St & Union St
- Spring St & Pleasant St
- Zeiterion Garage, Acushnet Ave Entrance
- School St & Purchase St
- School St & Sixth St
- School St & County St
- Walnut St & Acushnet Ave
- Maple St & Atlantic St
- Maple St & Reed St

- Madison St & County St
- Fire Museum, Bedford St & Sixth St
- Page St & Bedford St
- Wing St & Acushnet Ave
- Wing St & County St
- Fair St & County St
- Fire Station #6, Purchase St
- Thompson St & Crapo St
- County St & Rivet St
- Bonney St & Rivet St
- Bolton St & Rivet St
- Delano St & South First St
- Jouvette St & Bonney St
- Howland Green Library, Driveway, Rodney French Blvd
- Rockdale Ave & Dartmouth St
- Fire Station #11, Brock Ave & Mott St
- Willard St & West Rodney French Blvd
- Clegg Field, Brock Ave
- Brock Ave & Portland St
- Wastewater Treatment Plant, Community Center
- South Rodney French Blvd, Cable Access Building

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